

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A reusable sorbing coalescing agent for facilitating the separation of a non-aqueous phase from an aqueous phase consisting of a ragged-edge particulate reusable material having substantially small uniform sized particulate units, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 1 μm to 3 cm and which comprise a ragged edge component having a dimension in the nanoscale range, and wherein said ragged edge component comprises outwardly extending filaments.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Presently Amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 1, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 2000 μm .

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Presently amended) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 1, A reusable sorbing coalescing agent for facilitating the separation of a non-aqueous phase from an aqueous phase consisting of a ragged-edge particulate reusable material having substantially small uniform sized particulate units, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 1 μm to 3 cm and which comprise a ragged edge component having a dimension in the nanoscale range, wherein said ragged edge component comprises outwardly extending filaments and wherein the dimension in the nanoscale range is selected from the group consisting of ragged edge component thickness, ragged edge component filament size, and combinations thereof.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 4, wherein the dimension in the nanoscale range is selected from the group consisting of ragged edge component thickness ragged edge component filament size, and combinations thereof.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 4, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 1000 μm

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 10, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 1000 μm .

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20. (Previously presented) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 19 wherein the particulate reusable material is an organophilic hydrophobic sorbing coalescing agent capable of being electrostatically charged.

21. (New) The sorbing coalescing agent according to claim 7, wherein the particulate reusable material includes particulate units of a size ranging from 10 μm to 2000 μm .